



PATENT

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
(Case No. 00-713-i17)**

In re Application of:

Chad A. Mirkin, et al.

Serial No.: 09/976,968

Filed: October 12, 2001

For: NANOPARTICLES HAVING
OLIGONUCLEOTIDES ATTACHED
THERE TO AND USES THEREFOR

Examiner: J. Riley

Art Unit: 1637

Confirm. No. 2915

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This is in response to the final Office Action dated September 30, 2003. A Notice of Appeal and requisite fee are attached herewith. Please amend this application as shown below.